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LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that there is lack of coordination between different agencies responsible for transmitting information and research;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the corrective steps taken by the Government to improve the coordination between these agencies and the Department of Agricultural Research and Education (DARE);

(c) whether the Government is aware that there were 80 Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) without administrative buildings, shortage of staff quarters, demonstration units and soil and water testing facilities and if so, the details thereof along with the current status of these KVKs; and

(d) whether the Government has sanctioned any financial support to these KVKs for providing the required infrastructure, if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

(a) & (b): A number of mechanisms at various levels are in place for effective coordination between the National Agricultural Research System (NARS) and development departments/ agencies for transfer of latest information and research outcomes. These mechanisms include:
i) National level pre-kharif and pre-rabi interfaces between ICAR/DARE and other Departments of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare;

ii) Holding of conferences for kharif and rabi Campaign by the Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare (DAC&FW) with the participation of ICAR and concerned Development Departments of state Governments;

iii) Holding of scientific meetings and workshops of all the All India Coordinated Research Projects and Network Projects with participation of scientists officers from Agricultural Universities (AUs) and ICAR institutes and the State Governments;

iv) Organization of workshops, seminars, conferences, symposia and conventions at ICAR Institutes and AUs wherein scientists and officers from different AUs and ICAR institutes and development departments of States participate;

v) Conducting of summer and winter schools, model training courses, management development programmes by AUs and ICAR institutes for scientists and agricultural officers from states;

vi) holding of the Conference of Vice-Chancellors and Directors of ICAR Institutes;

vii) Holding of meetings of 8 ICAR Regional Committees for sharing and cross-learning of scientific achievements, newly developed technologies among scientists and officers from state governments;

viii) Holding of Zonal Agricultural Extension and Research Advisory Committee meetings;

ix) Holding of meetings of Zonal Workshops and State Scientific Advisory Committee of KVKs and Committee of Agricultural Technology Management Agencies; and

x) Conducting of joint diagnostic visits, interfaces, Kisan sammelans, Kisan gosthies, field days, etc. by scientists and extension functionaries.

(c) & (d): Out of 642 Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs), so far 564 KVKs have administrative buildings, 461 KVKs have staff quarters, 504 KVKs have demonstration units and 391 KVKs have soil and water testing facilities. Provision has been made in the XIIth plan for construction of administrative buildings in 61 KVKs, staff quarters in 58 KVKs, demonstration units in 103 KVKs and soil and water testing facilities in 187 KVKs. An amount of Rs. 13 crore has been earmarked for works in KVKs during the current financial year.

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